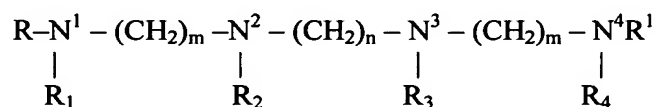


Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A composition for the treatment of hypertension comprising an effective anti-hypertensive amount of at least one compound in association with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable, non-toxic carrier or excipient; the compound having the formula:



Wherein: R and R¹ are both ethyl, R₁ – R₄ are each hydrogen, m and n are both 3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

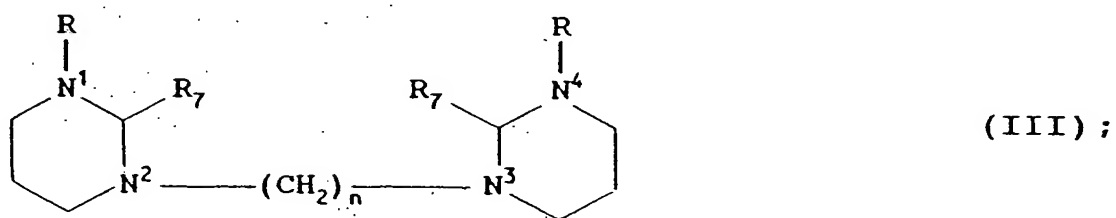
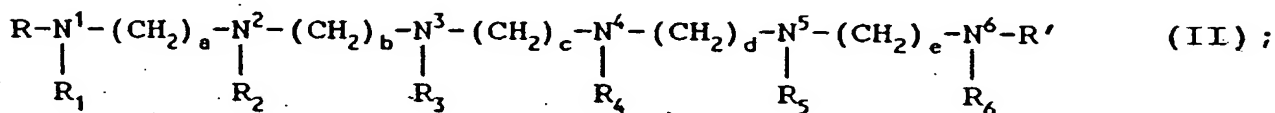
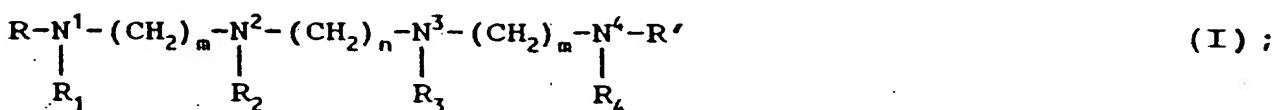
2. **(previously presented)** A composition according to claim 1 wherein m is 3 and n is 4.
3. **(previously presented)** A composition according to claim 1 wherein m and n are 3.
4. **(previously presented)** A composition according to claim 1 wherein m and n are 4.
5. **(previously presented)** A composition according to claim 1 wherein R and R' are alkyl.
6. **(previously presented)** A composition according to claim 1 wherein R and R' are aralkyl.
7. **(previously presented)** A composition according to claim 1 wherein R and R' are methyl.

8. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein R and R' are ethyl.

9. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein R and R' are propyl.

10. (previously presented) A composition according to claim 1 wherein R₁ and R₆ are benzyl.

11. (previously presented) A method of effecting anti-hypertensive action which comprises administering to patient requiring anti-hypertensive effect at least one compound having one of the formulae:



wherein: R and R' may be the same or different and are H, alkyl or aralkyl having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms;

R₁ - R₆ may be the same or different and are H, R or R';

R₇ is H, alkyl, aryl or aralkyl having from 1 to 12 carbon atoms;

m and n may be the same or different and are integers from 3 to 10, inclusive;

a – e may be the same or different and are integers from 3 to 10,
inclusive;

or

(IV) a salt of (I), (II) or (III) with a pharmaceutically acceptable acid.

12. **(previously presented)** A method according to claim 11 wherein m is 3 and n is 4.

13. **(previously presented)** A method according to claim 11 wherein m and n are 3.

14. **(previously presented)** A method according to claim 11 wherein m and n are 4.

15. **(previously presented)** A method according to claim 11 wherein R and R' are alkyl.

16. **(previously presented)** A method according to claim 11 wherein R and R' are aralkyl.

17. **(previously presented)** A method according to claim 11 wherein R and R' are methyl.

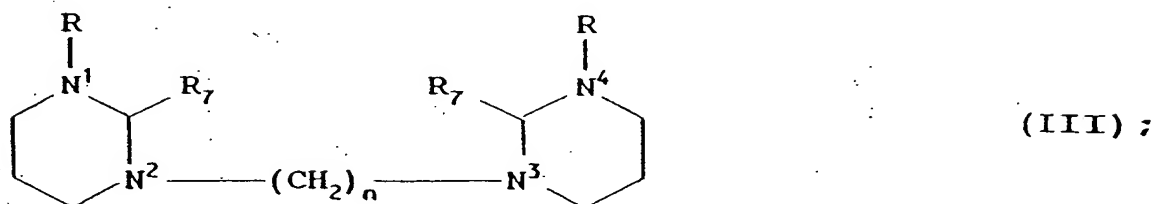
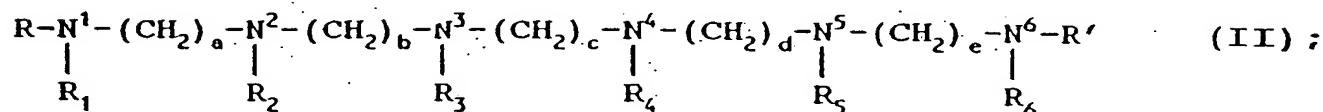
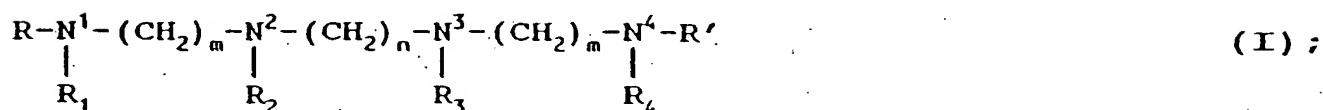
18. **(previously presented)** A method according to claim 11 wherein R and R' are ethyl.

19. **(previously presented)** A method according to claim 11 wherein R and R' are propyl.

20. **(previously presented)** A method according to claim 11 where R and R' are benzyl.

21. **(previously presented)** An article of manufacture comprising packaging material and a pharmaceutical agent contained within said packaging material, wherein said pharmaceutical agent is effective for the treatment of a subject suffering from hypertension,

and wherein said packaging material comprises a label which indicates that said pharmaceutical agent can be used for ameliorating the symptoms associated with hypertension, and wherein said pharmaceutical agent is selected from the group consisting of polyamines having the formula:



Wherein: R and R' are both ethyl, R₁ - R₄ are each hydrogen, m and n are both 3, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

22. (previously presented) An article of manufacture according to claim 21 wherein m is 3 and n is 4.

23. (previously presented) An article of manufacture according to claim 21 wherein m and n are 3.

24. (previously presented) An article of manufacture according to claim 21 wherein m and n are 4

25. **(previously presented)** An article of manufacture according to claim 21 wherein R and R' are alkyl.

26. **(previously presented)** An article of manufacture according to claim 21 wherein R and R' are aralkyl.

27. **(previously presented)** An article of manufacture according to claim 21 wherein R and R' are methyl.

28. **(previously presented)** An article of manufacture according to claim 21 wherein R and R' are ethyl.

29. **(previously presented)** An article of manufacture according to claim 21 wherein R and R' are propyl.

30. **(previously presented)** An article of manufacture according to claim 21 wherein R and R' are benzyl.